U.S. Department of Justice Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

April 30, 2008 For Six Month Period Ending I-REGISTRANT 1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No. Burson-Marsteller 2469 (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20005 2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following: If an individual: (a) (1) Residence address Yes \square No 🗆 (2) Citizenship Yes 🗌 (3) Occupation (b) If an organization: CRM/ISS/REGISTRATION UNI (1) Name No Yes Yes \square \square (2) Ownership or control No Yes 🗆 7 (3) Branch offices No Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above. (c) IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a). 3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C1, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. No 🖸 Yes \square Yes 🔲 No 🔲 If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attomey General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

If yes, furnish the follo	wing information:		•	
Name	Position		Date	connection ended
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(b) Have any persons l	pecome partners, officers, directors or simila Yes No 🗹	r officials during	this 6 month reportin	g period?
If yes, furnish the follow	ving information:			
Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
(a) Has any person nar	ned in item 4(b) rendered services directly in	i furtherance of th	e interests of any for	eign principal?
	Yes No 🗹	•		
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II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your co	onnection with any foreign princ Yes 🗹	ipal ended d No		nonth reporting	g period?		
If yes, furni	sh the following information:						
Name of fo	oreign principal			D	ate of termination		
Embassy o	of Colombia			A	pril 2008		
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8. Have you a	cquired any new foreign princip			orting period?			
If ves. furnis	Yes \square sh the following information:	No 🖸	J			,	
	address of foreign principal			D	ate acquired		
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In addition reporting per	to those named in Items 7 and 8, eriod.	if any, list fo	oreign princi	oals² whom yo	u continued to rep	resent during the 6	6 month
	rty of Pakistan						
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Abu Dhabi	Investment Authority						
10. ЕХНІВ	BITS A AND B						
(a)	Have you filed for each of the	e newly acau	ired foreign r	orincipals in Ite	em 8 the following	r:	
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	If no, please attach the requir	ed exhibit.					
(b)	Have there been any changes represented during the 6 mon		its A´and B p	reviously filed Yes 🗌		rincipal whom you	1
	If yes, have you filed an amen	ndment to the	ese exhibits?	Yes 🗌	No 🗹		
	If no, please attach the require	ed amendmer	ıt.				

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11.	During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes \(\bigcup \) No \(\Bigcup \)
	If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:
	People's Party of Pakistan - Developed media monitoring reports; spoke with media representatives; secured and attended meetings for party representatives; and secured and staffed interviews for party representatives.
	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority - Monitored issues surrounding sovereign wealth funds; advised client regarding strategy; supported development of clients internal communications functions.
12.	During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity as defined below? Yes No
	If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.
	People's party of Pakistan - Developed media monitoring reports; spoke with media representatives; secured and attended meetings for party representatives; and secured and staffed interviews for party representatives on behalf of then Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto. - Developed daily media monitoring reports. - 10 December 2007 – Pitched former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto op-ed to the Christian Science Monitor - 27 December 2007 – Spoke to media including Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, CNN and Fox regarding former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's assassination - 22 January 2008 – Secured and attended a meeting for party representatives at the Brookings Institution - 24 January 2008 – Secured and attended meeting for party representatives with The Washington Post - 24 January 2008 – Secured and attended meeting for party representatives with The Los Angeles Times - 24 January 2008 – Secured and attended meeting for party representatives with Woodrow Wilson Center - 24 January 2008 – Secured and staffed interview for party representatives at BBC Studios - 24 January 2008 – Secured and staffed interview for party representatives at CNN International - February 19, 2007 – Spoke to media about the 2008 Election update; media include Financial Times, Washington Post and New York Times - 18 March 2008 – Pitched PPP Co-chair Asif Zardari op-ed to CNN.com
13	In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of
	your foreign principals? Yes \(\sigma\) No \(\overline{\sigma}\)
	If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14 . (a)		y other source, for or		oreign principal named in Item h foreign principal, any contri]	
	If no, explain why.				
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	Please see attachment.	From whom	Purpose		Amount
	attaciment.				
	•				Total
(b)		reporting period, have	you received, as part of a O of this statement? Yes	fund raising campaign ⁷ , any r	noney on behalf of any
	If yes, have you filed	an Exhibit D ⁸ to your	registration? Yes	. No □	
-	If yes, indicate the da	ate the Exhibit D was	filed. Date		
(c)		reporting period, have a <u>nd</u> 9 of this statemen		f value ⁹ other than money from e, for or in the interests of any	
•	If yes, furnish the following	lowing information:			•
	Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose	

^{6,7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

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5. (a)	DISBURSEMENT During this 6	TS – MONIES month reporting period,	, have you				
	(1) disbursed 9 of this st	or expended monies in atement?	connection with act	ivity on behalf o	f any foreign princ No 🏻	ipal named in Items 7,	8, and
	(2) transmitte	d monies to any such fo	oreign principal?	Yes 🗆	No 🗹		
	If no, explain	in full detail why there	were no disburseme	nts made on beha	alf of any foreign p	orincipal.	
	If yes, set forth monies transmi	below in the required of titled, if any, to each fore	detail and separately eign principal.	for each foreign	principal an acco	unt of such monies, inc	luding
	Date	To whom	Purpose			Amount	
	Please see attachments						

Total

If yes, furnish	the following informatio	n:		
Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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During this 6 in other person, i	nade any contributions o	ave you from your own fund f money or other things of vion, convention, or caucus h	ds and on your own behalf e alue in connection with an eld to select candidates for p	election to any political offi
If yes, furnish	the following information	n:		
Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political		Name of candidate

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials 12? Yes No
IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.
17. Identify each such foreign principal.
People's Party of Pakistan - copies attached to this Statement
Abu Dhabi Investment Authority - copies attached to this Statement
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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes \(\sigma\) No \(\overline{\omega}\)
If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.
19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:
Radio or TV
☐ Advertising campaigns ☑ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
✓ Internet
20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:
☐ Public Officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
Legislators
Government agencies Civic groups or associations Nationality groups
Other (specify) Online Outlet
21. What language was used in the informational materials:
☑ English ☐ Other (specify)
22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No V
23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Type or print name under each signature 13)
May 28, 2008	Sharon H. Balkan
	Sharon G. Balkan
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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE **FARA REGISTRATION UNIT CRIMINAL DIVISION** WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Criminal Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Burson-Marsteller

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Bedolla	Leon F.	05/25/2004		
Budgar	Lawrence George	05/26/2000		
Claes	Michael	07/21/1988		
Cortes	Rose Mary	05/25/2004		
DiBartolo	Christine Marie	05/13/2002		
Dorval	Christopher	10/05/2001		
Hamana	Harold	05/25/2004		
Harmon	Keith Eugene	05/01/2003		
Judice	Peter F.	08/25/2000		
Kazmier	Danielle	06/23/2003		
Kozakos	Panayiota	10/05/2001		
Shainman	Lawrence	11/12/2002		
Trahan	Scott	04/12/1996		
Veith	Craig G.	09/20/2001		
McCabe	Ian	10/23/2001		
Miller	Freeman	08/25/2000		
Murfin	Cecilia	05/25/2004		·
Newton	Naomi	05/25/2004		
Norton	Jill Sloup	11/12/2002		
Olguin	Adhemir	05/25/2004		
Patzke	Кетту М.	05/13/2002		
Rice	Theresa	03/01/2004		
Rossbach	Laurie Andrews	04/13/2007		
Lake	James C.	03/23/2007		
Schnee	Leslie Elizabeth	03/23/2007		
Muir	Frederick M.	04/13/2007		
Pincus	Patricia K.	05/03/2007		
McKay	Barbara S.	07/23/2007		
Khetarpaul	Amit	04/13/2007		
Rodriguez	Paul M.	04/13/2007		mandi
Samuelson	Taylor Sewell	05/03/2007	loburt Tappo September 2	V-Indiverdin
Гаррап	Robert	05/03/2007	Ca Alambar	nno strect
Staley	Joel C.	12/07/2005	Applicance of	
Clisby	Heather	06/30/2005	•	
Shelden	Sarah	06/30/2005		
Blankfeld	Keren	06/30/2005		
Saenz	Natalie	12/26/2006		

03/23/2007

Sabnis	Shona Vijay	04/13/2007
Aarthun	Stefanie Robert M.	04/13/2007 02/01/1980
Bussjaeger Rial	Dionne	12/26/2006
Grace	Neil D.	06/30/2005
Gerard	Ixta	12/26/2006
Lake	gim	6/21/07
Judice	Pete	6/21/07
mcmun		6/21/07
Chetarpa	ul smit	11/27/07
Seeley	Ruth	11/27/07
Schee	libby	6/21/07
Mckay	Barbara	7/1/07



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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
None		
/		
Signature: Shalo H Title: Managing	Sal Date: Divector usiness Manager Affairs	May 28, 2008

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Financial Information Question 14.(a)

People's Party of Pakistan

January 29, 2008 - \$49,837.13

Total - \$49,837.13

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

March 13, 2008 - \$162,979.50 March 31, 2008 - \$81,479.50

April 28, 2008 – 81,479.50

Total - \$325,938.50

15 (a). Disbursements - Monies

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? YES
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? NO

Pakistan People's Party

Postings for the Period: (11.01.07 -04.30.08)

Office Expenses:

Business Meals	Business Meals	
Catering		49.70
Consultation Fee		1,425.00
Info Bank Services		35.40
Local Transportation	Local Transportation	
Media Monitoring		100.00
Photocopies		114.80
Reference Material		29.49
Telephone		40.59
Grand Total	\$	5,836.23

15 (a). Disbursements - Monies

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? YES

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? NO

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

Postings for the Period: (11.01.07 -04.30.08)

Office Expenses:

Air Freight	120.42	
Airfare/Railfare	66,310.90	
Business Meals	844.88	
Info Bank Services	908.60	
Legal Services	3,851.00	
Local Transportation	2,030.09	
Lodging	1,140.30	
Meals	29.39	
Production	1,176.50	
Reference Material	10.22	
Stationery & Supplies	37.67	
Telephone	85.65	
Travel Expenses	929.18	
Grand Total	\$ 77,474.80	

People's Party of Pakistan Information Materials Question 17

Why the world needs democracy in Pakistan Benazir Bhutto

The Christian Science Monitor 10 December 2007 Op-ed by Benazir Bhutto

The world has rightly welcomed President Pervez Musharraf's retirement as Army head and announcement that emergency rule will end on Dec. 16. However, a crucial question remains. Is Pakistan heading toward a democratic future? Parliamentary elections are currently scheduled for Jan. 8. Among many worrying signs of corruption, the election commission is biased and not acting on complaints of fraud.

Yet if credible elections are not held, it will have dangerous consequences for Pakistan and the rest of the world community: Extremism will continue to grow, putting everyone at risk. The world must act to prevent this. It must insist on free and fair elections in Pakistan.

President Musharraf's last term in office demonstrated that dictatorship has fueled extremism. The tribal areas of Pakistan have turned into havens for militants to mount attacks on NATO troops in nearby Afghanistan. Lack of governance has led to the expansion of extremism into settled areas of Pakistan.

Democracy offers the best hope of containing extremism. Yet democracy depends on a fair electoral process and an independent election commission willing and able to implement Pakistan's electoral laws to prevent vote fraud. That is not happening.

"Improvised" voting stations, a pseudonym for ghost polling stations, dot practically every parliamentary constituency. Electoral lists - prepared with financial assistance from USAID - are fatally flawed, with more than 10 million unverified and missing names (clearly enough to "win" or "lose" an election). The sanctity of any future ballot is doubtful against reports that district returning officers have been ordered to disperse 20,000 ballots already marked in favor of progovernment candidates. These bogus votes will be "cast" through the process of double voting in the "improvised" voting stations - in ballot boxes that are translucent rather than transparent. Mayors continue to control guns and police and government resources and are using them shamelessly to campaign for government candidates. The election commission has asked for "a report" on such malpractices but has taken no concrete efforts to stop them. Politically motivated officials have been placed in charge of the civilian intelligence services and key state posts to manipulate the elections further, although election laws demand that such officials be neutral. An assistant to a former chief minister has been made a returning officer to preside over elections in his area. This complaint is being "looked into" as well, which is simply a fancy way of buying time and doing nothing.

Punjab Province, which elects more than half of Pakistan's parliament, chooses 148 of the members through direct elections, excluding reserved seats for women and minorities. Of these seats, it is believed that 108 have been marked for rigging for government- backed candidates. By the time all such reports of fraud come in from across the country, the elections will be over. On top of all this, the media remains gagged, opposition leaders remain imprisoned, voter lists and voting locations have not yet been provided to opposition parties or to the general public in final print or electronic format, and no effort has been made by the pliant electoral commission to regularly consult with political parties on these issues. There is also no plan in place to ensure

that votes counted at voting stations will be delivered to local consolidation centers without being manipulated en route. The National Reconciliation Ordinance, which provides for an immediate consolidated count, has been suspended.

Put quite simply, the elections are being stitched up to give the country a continuation of the outgoing government - one that failed to prevent the spread of militancy, extremism, and terrorism. Major terrorist attacks, including the latest plot discovered in Germany this summer, tracked terrorists' footsteps back to Pakistan's northern areas.

Unless there is a change in the status quo, the past will repeat itself. But that change can only come when the world community puts its weight behind fair elections and its faith in the people of Pakistan.

Musharraf sent a delegation to the US last week to talk to the Bush administration and members of Congress about the current situation. This visit was only meantto feign progress and deflect criticism.

Musharraf wants the world to believe that the coming election, though not perfect, will be "good enough for Pakistan" given the country's difficult circumstances. But the current circumstances are of the regime's making. Those in charge can - and must - do much better on this count. The international community must send a clear message that it will not be an accessory to this coming crime. It must not wait to see if the elections on Jan. 8 are free and fair. It must insist on a minimum set of benchmarks to be met for the election to be recognized as free and fair. If the benchmarks are ignored, the international community must be prepared to signal its displeasure to the Musharraf regime in specific, tangible ways.

Flawed elections will worsen instability in Pakistan as civil society and political parties protest. Imposing international restrictions after the fact will be fruitless and only deepen anti- American sentiment.

At the very least, America can and should prod Musharraf to give Pakistanis an independent election commission, a neutral caretaker administration, and an end to blatant vote manipulation. America is the world's most powerful democracy. By standing up for democracy at this critical time, Washington can give this nuclear-armed nation an opportunity to reverse the tide of extremism that today threatens not only Pakistan but the larger world community as well.

Benazir Bhutto is the former prime minister of Pakistan.

People's Party of Pakistan Information Materials Question 17

Commentary: Momentous day for Pakistan, Bhutto's legacy

By Asif Ali Zardari

Asif Ali Zardari, is the co-chairman of the Pakistan People's Party and widower of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto who was assassinated in Pakistan in December.

(CNN) -- Monday was a momentous day for the people of Pakistan, but a bittersweet day for me.

Sitting in the gallery watching a democratically elected National Assembly headed by the Pakistan Peoples Party and its coalition partners, I thought of the terrible price paid for this moment of liberty. I thought of the many jailed, beaten, tortured, and exiled. I thought of all of those who had their reputations assaulted. I thought of the undermining and dismantling of Pakistani civil society. I thought of the attacks on the independence and autonomy of the judicial system. I thought of the censorship of the press, emergency rule and martial law.

But of course more than anything else, I thought of my beloved wife, Shaheed Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto, who sacrificed her life for her beliefs and her country. This was the day of her triumph, the vindication of her long battle for the restoration of democracy. For my country, this was a day of celebration. But for me and our children, this day was also a day of tears. Democracy had come to Pakistan, but at a terrible, terrible price.

Last week, the two largest political parties in <u>Pakistan</u> agreed to form a coalition government that would restore democracy and bring stability to our country. The Pakistan People's Party (PPP), which I lead after the assassination of my wife, has joined the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N), led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, to form a broad-based, democratic, liberal government in Pakistan — an umbrella of reconciliation and consensus. The new prime minister, from the PPP, will be announced within the next few days.

In agreeing to form a coalition government Mr. Sharif and I have responded to the mandate given by the people of Pakistan in the February 18 election. Pakistan's people no longer want to live under the thumb of a dictator. They want an end to terrorism and violence and wish to join the rest of the modern world in the pursuit of peace and prosperity. They want to restore the supremacy of the people's house, the National Assembly, and free it from the sword of Damocles of a marginal presidency with inflated, unconstitutional authority.

Pakistan's political leaders and people have suffered from the politics of personal destruction; we have been battered by dictatorship; we have seen civil society taken apart and a free and independent judiciary destroyed. We have seen international assistance, secured in the name of fighting terrorism, diverted towards making Pakistan's affluent few richer. We have seen progress on education, health and women's rights stopped and reversed. But now, with renewed confidence in democratic parties like the PPP and PML-N, it is time for the rebirth of a democratic, vital and progressive Pakistan.

Some fear a coalition government would lack the necessary strength to tackle Pakistan's myriad problems. But cooperation between the country's biggest political parties, representing an

overwhelming majority of the people, would bring greater stability than one-man rule. Together, the PPP and PML-N will be able to build a strong civil society. That would go a long way to erasing the scars of militarism and militancy. We will focus on providing education and employment at the grassroots levels so the country's youth can play an integral role in building a strong national economy.

Under the rule of <u>Pervez Musharraf</u>, extremists were allowed to thrive along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. The key to improving security there is not to make citizens in Pakistan's tribal areas feel like second-rate citizens kept under lock and key, caught between the threats of violence from militants and the military. Rather, we must let all of our citizens, including those in the Federally Administered Tribal Area, know they are part participants in the growth of Pakistan's economy and civil society.

Fostering a better level of trust and understanding among the people in the border areas, and delivering on their key needs, is essential to enhancing security in the FATA and throughout Pakistan. While immediate steps must be taken to hunt down identified terrorists, the long-term solution to extremism lies in respecting the will of the people and in providing them with a means of livelihood at every level -- food, clothing, shelter, jobs and education. By talking to and respecting our people, we will be able to isolate the extremists and terrorists.

Those of us who are now in a position of leadership seek, in my wife's words, "a tomorrow better than any of the yesterdays we have ever known." We see a Pakistan where all children, regardless of their socio-economic standing or their gender, are guaranteed compulsory and quality primary and secondary education. We see a Pakistani educational system of quality teachers, who receive decent salaries, and teach in modern classrooms with state-of-the-art computers and technology. We see a Pakistan where political madrassas that teach hatred are closed, and educational institutions that focus on science and technology flourish.

The PPP has a vision to build a nation that is one of the great capital markets of the world; a revitalized nation that will generate international investment. We look forward to the complete electrification of all of our villages, the purification of our nation's drinking water, the privatization of the public sector, the expansion of the energy sector, the development of our export industries, the modernization of our ports and the rebuilding our national infrastructure. All of these elements are essential to a Pakistan where a democratically elected government, with the mandate of the people, confronts and marginalizes the forces of extremism and terrorism wherever they may exist in our nation. In other words, I see the Pakistan for which my wife lived and died.

Pakistan's democracy has not evolved over the past 60 years because the generals believed they should intervene in politics and run the country. The army's misperception of itself as the country's only viable institution, and its deep-rooted suspicion of the civilian political process, has prevented democracy from flourishing. The PPP and its allies will reverse the current regime's suppression of civil society and free speech. We will establish a Press Complaints Commission similar to that of the United Kingdom and stand up for the democratic rights of citizens to freely establish television and radio stations, subject to the basic legal framework.

While the tasks ahead are not easy, the Pakistan Peoples Party plans to work in good faith with its fellow democratic parties and our coalition allies to achieve our goal of building a new, progressive Pakistan. Everything will not come at once. The reformation of Pakistan -- politically, economically and socially -- will be a long and complex process. But we are determined to begin and we are determined to succeed.

We did not come this far, we did not sacrifice this much, to fail.

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